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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Kouichiro INOMATA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2814**

Application No.: **10/538,689**

Examiner: **John C. Ingham**

Filed: **June 10, 2005**

Confirmation Number: **6764**

For: **SPIN INJECTION DEVICE, MAGNETIC APPARATUS USING THE
SAME, AND MAGNETIC THIN FILM USED FOR THEM**

Attorney Docket Number: **052684**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 8, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 13, 2006.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

Group I Claims 1-17, drawn to a spin injection device; or

Group II Claims 21-50, drawn to a magnetic thin film.

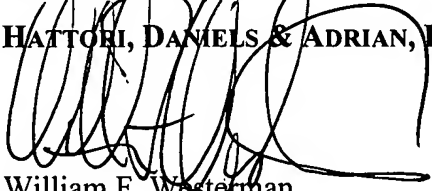
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-20. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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